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Farmers Home Administration Washington D.C. 20250

May 1, 1989

SUBJECT: Recruiting Visiting Professors to Work With

Socially Disadvantaged Applicants/Borrowers

TO: Selected State Directors, FmHA*

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME: This Administrative Notice (AN) is issued to advise selected State Directors that priority consideration is to be given to the recruitment of Visiting Professors. The professors are to provide special, individualized supervisory assistance to socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) who qualify for credit assistance under provisions of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued about this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 and FmHA Instruction 1943-A, require that farm ownership loans and inventory farms be targeted for farm applicants and borrowers who meet the definition of socially disadvantaged as described in FmHA Instruction 1943-A. The instruction permits the Agency to take those steps necessary to help SDA applicants and borrowers to become viable farm operators. Effective immediately, you should designate a person on your Farmer Programs Staff, if not already assigned, to be accountable as coordinator for recruiting a Visiting Professor from an 1890 Land Grant Institution. The Visiting Professor Coordinator should assist in developing a work plan to achieve maximum benefits from the services of the professor working with SDA applicants/borrowers in your State.

Generally, Visiting Professors are employed on a WAE basis (when actually employed), and are available for work in June, July and August. Information concerning the Visiting Professor Program is reported annually to the Department. Therefore, you are requested to inform the Equal Opportunity Staff (EOS) no later than May 30, 1989, of the name, academic title and salary of the Visiting Professor. Mr. Walter Fredericks, Special Assistant, Civil Rights, is the Agency Coordinator of the Visiting Professor Program. Mr. Fredericks can be reached at FTS 447-3098.

EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 1990

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding FmHA Instruction 1943-A

*AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA

Questions concerning the Visiting Professor's role in assisting in the implementation of the Socially Disadvantaged Program should be directed to Mr. Wilbert Campbell or Mr. Clyde Beall, of the Farmer Programs staff at FTS 382-1635.

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